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# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## MEETING MINUTES

### 12/9/08

The Board of Selectmen met in the Town Hall, Joseph F. Bilotta Meeting Room as scheduled with Thomas Alonzo, Paula Bertram, Steven M. deBettencourt, Thomas Mason, Dave Matthews and CAFO Kerry Speidel present. Meeting opened at 7:03 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance

#### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Chair announced with sorrow the passing of G. Barry Whitcomb, longtime member of the Lunenburg Historical Society and Cemetery Commissioner, moment of silence.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. Central Mass Municipal Recycling Council (CMRC) – Recycling Award** – for 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row the town has been recognized for an outstanding solid waste program, per attached.

**2. Regional Household Hazardous Waste** – CAFO informed the board that for quite some time the town has been working with 10 other communities to look at an initiative for a regional household hazardous waste. Recommends having Tessa David from Mass Toss come before the board to explain the program. Currently town pays approximately \$12,000 per year for a Household Hazardous Waste Day and is also allowed to utilize the one day event at Devens. The intent is for a cost comparable or reduced, the residents would be able to utilize the regional facility for 20 events annually.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

**1. 7:15 P.M. – Joint Meeting w/School Committee** – Chair informed those present that this is a joint appointment in accordance with the Charter and will be until the end of Jennifer Benson's term; the next election, May 2009.

Milree opened School Committee meeting at 7:05 P.M.

Members of School Committee present; Dave Reif, Jason Poitras, Milree Keeling, Mike Macklin, Superintendant Loxi Jo Calmes and School Committee applicant Donna White, of 334 Sunnyhill Road.

Donna resident of Lunenburg for 18 years, career in computer high tech industry, currently in sales. Has two children, an 8 and 5 year old. Has been an active participant of PTO and representative on school council at the primary school, experience in negotiations and want the school to do well as her children are a part of the system. Interested in seeking election for the next term, plan to remain on the PTO and doesn't see this as a problem. Prior experience with budgets in the corporate world. Open as to the issue of regionalization, no feelings currently one way or the other.

Milree concerned that there may be a conflict of interest, as the PTO does a number of fundraisers, but the School Committee does have a position of liaison to the PTO, which she is currently serving as and would be willing to relinquish this so that Donna could serve as the liaison. Also in the interest of full disclosure, Donna is her neighbor and has had conversations about what the School Committee's role is and the amount of time commitment.

Milree moved that the Board of Selectmen and School Committee vote to appoint Donna White to fill the vacant term until the next election, Steve seconded, voted unanimously by Board of Selectmen and School Committee.

School Committee adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

The second applicant, Christine Tenneson withdrew her application for School Committee.

#### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

##### **1. CAFO Updates –**

- Board signed the Holiday Extension of Hours Policy which was approved at their meeting of December 2, 2009.
- Announcement from Comcast in a letter dated 12/8/08 notifying the town that effective January 9, 2009 the CN8 Network will no longer be available on cable.
- Referred to questions from last week's meeting about the condition of the Pleasant Street bridge, CAFO provided the attached memo from Bayside Engineering as to the status of the bridge condition. Town will look further into repair or replacement, would look into cost sharing agreement with any utility company that may utilize the bridge on a regular basis.

##### **2. Minutes - None**

**Warrants** - #11P 09, 12/1/08 - \$595.00, #11M 09, 12/1/08 - \$1,606.00, #11M2 09, 12/1/08 - \$360.00, #12P 09, 12/9/08 - \$707,669.33 and #30 09, 12/9/08 - \$168,368.42 reviewed and signed.

## **Contracts - None**

**3. Action File Issues** – Board would like to take a stand with the State that the anticipated cuts should not be borne on the local governments and the potential reductions in state aid should not be on the people. A 10% cut is an enormous amount for our town. There are numerous state programs that can be reduced before they should touch state aid. Would like to have state representatives come before the board in January to express our concerns. Chair will coordinate with Senator and Representative for the January 13, 2009 meeting.

**4. Open Space Committee Goals & Objectives** – CAFO informed the board that the Open Space Committee has set a series of goals and objectives (attached) and would like input from boards and committees on this and will place on agenda for next week. Ask for the members to submit prior to next weeks meeting so that office can compile concerns for the Open Space Committee.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Committee Updates –**

- Dave Capital Planning Committee met with Police Department and they are requesting vehicles.
- Tom M., PACC committee meeting next Monday.
- Paula, Sewer Commission met tonight and discussed the budget, will be meeting with the CAFO and next week have scheduled a workshop session for Tuesday @ 5:00 P.M.
- Chair this board met with the proposer for the Primary School Senior Housing proposal in a workshop setting with other department heads, DPW Director, Fire Chief and Planning Director. Board will have either another workshop or a televised meeting and will bring this before the public following our next meeting with the JNJUHL & Associates, LLC.
- CAFO informed the board that copies have been forwarded to other departments and the Housing Authority with a request that they respond with comments.
- Dave the non-Regionalization Committee (School) is meeting tomorrow night at the Brooks House, 7:00 P.M.

## **APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

**1. School Committee** – Board of Selectmen and School Committee voted unanimously to appoint Donna White of 334 Sunnyhill Road to the School Committee, term to expire May 16, 2009

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **1. Contracts - None**

Being no further business board voted unanimously to adjourn Regular Session at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Williams, Chief Administrative Assistant  
Board of Selectmen